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SUBJ: POLITICAL STUDY GROUP (FEDISA) LED BY  
FRAGA HOLDS FIRST MEETING

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SUMMARY: FEDISA, THE POLITICAL ACTION GROUP SET UP BY SOME  
FORMER AND SOME CURRENT COLLABORATORS OF REGIME, HELD FIRST  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AUG 25 AND ISSUED PROGRAMMATIC STATEMENT  
SAYING SPAIN MUST MOVE FROM AUTHORITARIAN SYSTEM TO DEMOCRATIC  
SYSTEM. BESIDES ADVOCATING SPECIFIC REFORMS IN KEY AREAS,  
FEDISA SAID IT WOULD NOT ORGANIZE POLITICAL ASSOCIATION UNDER  
PRESENT GOVT-SPONSORED DECREE AUTHORIZING THEM. MEETING  
FOLLOWED BY ONE DAY PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN FRAGA AND MOVEMENT  
HEAD SOLIS WHO APPARENTLY FAILED TO CONVINCE FRAGA TO REVERSE  
HIS DECISION IN FEBRUARY NOT TO SET UP POLITICAL ASSOCIATION.  
END SUMMARY

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1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FEDISA (AN INCORPORATED RESEARCH

COMPANY), CONSISTING OF WELL-KNOWN FORMER AND SOME PRESENT COLLABORATORS OF REGIME, HELD FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING IN SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AUG 25 (REFTEL). BOARD SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED PROGRAMMATIC STATEMENT WHICH WAS DRAFTED WITH "FULL AGREEMENT" OF ALL PRESENT INCLUDING MOST PROMINENT PERSONALITY, GOS AMBASSADOR TO UK, FRAGA IRIBARNE.

2. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, FEDISA BELIEVES THAT "URGENT, PROFOUND REFORM" IS NECESSARY TO MOVE FROM AN "AUTHORITARIAN SYSTEM" TO "A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY". BOARD DECIDED TO PREPARE STUDIES ON FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: (A) REPRESENTATIVITY AND AN ELECTORAL LAW; (B) REGIONALISM, (C) CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM, (D) SUCCESSION OF THE HEADSHIP OF STATE, (E) FISCAL REFORM, AND (F) SYNDICAL RFORM IN ORDER "TO OFFER CONCRETE SOLUTIONS OF IMMEDIATE UTILITY". BOARD ALSO DECIDED NOT TO SET UP A POLITICAL ASSOCIATION WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF PRESENT STATUTE PROMULGATED BY GOVT IN JAN 1975.

3. FRAGA AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT LEADER, SOLIS RUIZ, HELD MUCH PUBLICIZED DAY-LONG MEETING AUG 24, FOUR DAYS AFTER FRAGA WAS RECEIVED BY FRANCO. (SOLIS SAW TWO MAIN PROMOTORS OF FEDISA, FORMER MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM, PIO CABANILLAS, AND LATTER'S FORMER UNDER SECRETARY, MARCELINO OREJA, IN MADRID DURING JULY). AS REVEALED BY SOLIS, HE AND FRAGA DISCUSSED LATTER'S POLITICAL PLANS FOLLOWING HIS DEFINITIVE RETURN TO MADRID IN NOVEMBER FROM HIS AMBASADORIAL POST IN LONDON.

4. SOLIS HAS MADE NO SECRET OF HIS DISAPPROVAL OF INCORPORATED COMPANIES HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH POLITICAS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDISA IN EARLY JULY. NEWS REPORTS AND CORESPONDENTS IN GALICIA HAVE ALL NOTED THAT SOLIS' PURPOSE IN TALKING WITH FRAGA, PIO AND OREJA, WAS TO DRAW THEM INTO GOVT SCHEME OF POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS. JUDGING BY SUBSTANCE AND TIMING OF FEDISA'S STATEMENT, TO WHICH FRAGA SUBSCEIBED, FRAGA IS NO CLOSER TO PARTICIPATION IN GOVT SCHEME THAN LAST FEBRUARY FOLLOWING MONTH-LOND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENCY AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT.  
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